

AASHTO TCED Fall '07



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VTrans Vision:

A safe, efficient and fully integrated transportation system that promotes VT's quality of life and economic well-being.

VTrans Mission:

To provide for the movement of people and commerce in a safe, reliable, cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

VTrans Divisions

Program Development

Operations - 9 districts under 5 DTAs

Policy and Planning

Finance and Administration

Motor Vehicles

Vermont Agency of Transportation

- 1200 employees total, with headquarters in Montpelier
- 565 district forces
- 2006 budget - \$338 million
- 2006 Capital Construction expenditures - \$161 million
- 103 major projects completed
- Approx. 70% of VT's State Transportation Fund goes to VTrans, the balance is split between Education and JTOC

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Bridge Program

- 2,676 bridges > 20 feet
- 1,296 bridges between 6 and 20 feet
- ~ 100 covered bridges
- 1,112 large (> 6 feet dia) culverts – 89 are critical
- 40,000 small culverts
- ~ 47% bridges are > 50 years old – 18.5% are > 70 years old
- Between 2003-2006
 - # of deficient interstate bridges increased
 - # of deficient state bridges increased
 - # of town highway bridges decreased
- Overall, ~18% of Vt's bridges are deficient - more than national average

Roadway Program

- 320 miles of interstate
- 2,708 miles of state hwy system
- 11,676 miles of town hwy system
- 45% of total road miles rated very poor or poor surface condition
- 55% of state hwy system classified as “non-engineered”

Park and Ride

- 25 state owned facilities
- 1 multi-modal facility
- 14 municipally owned facilities

Bike-Ped

- 189 miles total - 148 miles rails to trails
- 27 miles shared use
- 10 miles sidewalks
- 4 miles on road

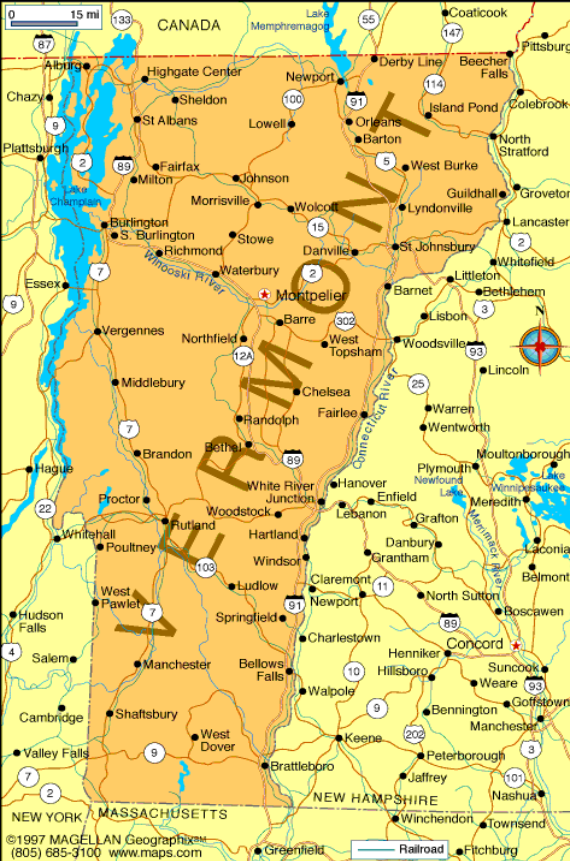


Rail and Air

- 10 state owned airports
- 600 miles of operating rail - includes 265 bridges

Operations 2005/2006

- 22,069 acres mowed
- 301 tons of trash collected
- 118 lane miles of resurfacing, including 60 lane miles of interstate
- 24,900 tons of rip-rap applied to protect stream banks
- 1,861,737 million lane miles plowed
- 98,216 tons of salt and 76,112 cubic yards of sand applied
- 851 bridges washed
- 18 bridges rehabilitated or rebuilt, 222 bridges repaired



Vermont Facts

- Vermont became the 14th state – March 4, 1791
- Montpelier (pop. 9000) is the smallest state capital
- Montpelier is the only state capital without a McDonald's
- Pop. 623,000+ ranks 49/50 - Only WY has fewer people
- 52 State Parks, 1 National Park in Woodstock
- 1968 law passed to prohibit billboards
- *Nickname*, Green Mountain State (from french “verd mont”)
- *Highest pt.*, Mt. Mansfield, 4,393 ft (1,340 m)
- *lowest pt.*, Lake Champlain, 95 ft (29 m)
- *Motto*, Freedom and Unity
- *State tree*, sugar maple
- VT produces the most Maple Syrup in the U.S.
- Land area 9,250 sq. miles – ranked 45th
- VT minimum wage \$7.53 – only higher in CT, OR and WA
- 1 nuclear power plant – Vermont Yankee in Guilford
- UVM is 1 of 10 UTC's in country

Act 250

Act 250, Vermont's comprehensive land-use law, was **passed in 1970 to protect against substandard or shortsighted development** and the burdens it places on water, sewer, utility, police and fire services and on schools and roads. **Act 250 was designed to protect air and water quality; promote soil conservation; and preserve wildlife habitats and scenic, archaeological and historic sites.**

Proposals for all commercial projects of 10 or more acres, developments in elevations above 2,500 feet, developments involving 10 or more lots in a five-year period, developments with 10 or more units, roads longer than 800 feet serving subdivisions, projects of less than 10 acres in towns without zoning and subdivision bylaws, or other special cases are reviewed by one of nine District Environmental Commissions, each with jurisdiction in a particular region.

Deer Hunting Season

The 16-day deer hunting season, which runs from mid- to late-November, attracts the attention of all Vermonters, not just hunters. Opening day of the season, although not a designated holiday, probably can compete with the day after Thanksgiving as a most-requested day off. Huge numbers of Vermonters spend at least one of the weekends at “**deer camp**,”

traditionally a cabin in the woods with few amenities. It is difficult to accomplish much at VTans as the unsuccessful hunters take progressively more days off hunting the elusive buck.



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